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AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 6, 11, and 12 without prejudice.

Sub D1 1. (twice amended) A latch assembly for coupling a door to an apparatus, said latch assembly comprising:

B1 a keeper comprising a biasing member and a head portion extending from said biasing member, said head portion comprising a catch and a lock release projection, said biasing member configured to bias said catch for engagement with the door;

a handle comprising a contact surface in slidable contact with said lock release projection, said handle selectively operable to uncouple the door from the apparatus;

a handle retainer coupling said handle to the door; and